

WIFE INCITED REVOLT, HE SAYS

"I Will Never Live With Her Again," Declares Dowle Angrily.

ZION READY FOR MEETING TO-DAY

New Leader Issued Final Instructions to His Followers. Prophet Says He Will Make Complete Statement to Public To-day.

(By Associated Press.)
POPULAR BLUFF, MO., April 9.—"If it is true that Mrs. Dowle said the things reported of her, then I shall never live with her again," said John Alexander Dowle to-day to a representative of the Associated Press, in the private car in which he is hurrying to Zion City to combat his followers who have rebelled against his rule.

There was a grimace of expression on the first apostle's face which made it evident that he believed that the mother of his children had much to do with inciting the rebellion in Zion. This climax in the domestic affairs of Dowle caused little surprise to Deacons Lewis and Peters, both of whom were present during the interview. They nodded approval to the statements advanced by their leader, and Deacon Lewis added that the world little knew of the trials through which Dowle has passed in recent years, because of domestic infidelity.

"For years Dowle has shielded his wife," said Deacon Lewis, "but recently her conduct has been such as to render further forbearance a human impossibility."

Innocent, He Says.

"To-morrow I shall be ready to make a complete statement to the public," said Dowle. "I will say now that, owing to the delays incident to this trip, I may be a little later arriving in Zion than I had first expected. There will be no turning back, but I think it will be advisable for me to stop in Chicago and consult legal talent."

Then Dowle took up again the charges which are hurled at him by his enemies, and reiterated: "I am innocent; I am innocent; but only God knows this now. For I will prove it to them; let my friends be patient; for my time is coming."

"Why, if I were guilty of these things which they charge, I should be taken out and shot like a dog."

A small bridge fire at the Saline River crossing was the only incident which disturbed the equanimity of the party on their journey to-day. As the train passed over the bridge, Deacon Lewis noticed one of the ties blazing. The conductor was informed, and the train was backed to the bridge. The fire was soon extinguished by the trainmen.

ZION PREPARING TO RECEIVE DOWIE

Final Instructions Issued By Voliva to Followers—Secret Room Forced.

(By Associated Press.)
ZION CITY, ILL., April 9.—Zion City is "sleeping on its arms" to-night, to quote one of the erstwhile followers of John Alexander Dowle, awaiting the coming of the "First Apostle." There is but one subject of conversation and that is the possible extradition to Missouri, which is expected to see Dowle again set foot in the community he founded.

A mass-meeting was held to-night in Shiloh Tabernacle and final instructions were given by Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva, the new master of Zion, to the members of the congregation. The affair of the new regime when Dowle arrives.

With Voliva in the center of the stage, overseers and deacons of the Christian Church in Zion to-night, urged members of the congregation to remove from Dowle's domain any dramatic threat by removing away from railway station, buying themselves as usual with the commercial affairs of life as though there had never been an "Elijah III."

A carriage will be allowed to meet Dowle under the assumption that he is a sick man. The carriage will be driven directly to Shiloh House and taken to apartments as far as possible from Mrs. Dowle's.

The Secret Room.

Overseer Voliva, at to-night's meeting, told Dowle had a secret, iron-barred room in his home which was for the first time entered by an outsider to-day.

"I will surprise you to learn," said Voliva, "that in Shiloh House there was the most curious room in America."

"The Czar of Russia may have one, and need one; but who would think there was one in the peaceful city of Zion? We know there was a room kept always locked and into which Dowle himself seldom went. We entered it to-day, but to do so we had to batter through two iron doors. The room was like a vault; except that the bolts and bars were mostly on the inside. Light came into the room through a bull's eye window, the outside of which was protected by heavy iron shutters. Air was admitted through a funnel. There was a bed inside; a bed so curious that I cannot attempt to describe it. And this room, this cell, was built by and for a man who used to stand before you and ask you to tell him what fear was like."

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE BUILDINGS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—The erection of buildings at the Jamestown Exposition by the governments of Great Britain, Mexico and Cuba was urged to-day by H. St. George Tucker, president, and J. Taylor Ellyson, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, and C. Brock Thurston, members of the Board of Governors of the exposition, upon the diplomatic representatives of these countries, each of whom promised to make recommendations to that end.

WILL NEITHER LEASE NOR SELL

Common Council Votes for Rehabilitation of Gas Works.

WARM DISCUSSION OVER THE MATTER

Mr. Branch's Public Baths Offer Practically Accepted—S. A. L. Earnestly Asked to Bring Their General Offices Here.

The Common Council, at a special session last night, passed a great many resolutions of interest to the people, the main one having been the report of the special committee with reference to the gas department.

This was by an overwhelming vote referred to the Light Committee, with instructions to rehabilitate the works, along with a resolution declining against either the sale or lease of the plant.

The public baths proposition of Mr. John P. Branch was strongly commended by the Mayor in a special message, and was referred to the Finance Committee as a matter of form, though the vote by which this action was taken was understood to be an entire endorsement and acceptance of the generous offer.

Mr. Pollock got through a strong resolution asking the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company to establish and maintain their general office in this city, and Mr. Mills, from the Water Committee, secured the adoption of a contract for constructing the flume at the new settling basin. The member from Jefferson Ward said the final awarding of this contract was the climax to the clear water scheme, and that it meant that the people would absolutely have clear water by November 1, 1906.

The Gas Matter.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$150 to pay the expenses of Mayor McCarthy to New Orleans to invite the Confederate Veterans to hold their 100th reunion in Richmond.

The proposition caused the only fiery debate of the evening. Chairman W. W. Morton, of the special joint committee, personally favored a lease of the plant, but he said he did not desire to press this view upon the Council. He offered an amendment drawn up by Mr. Pollard, submitting the matter to the people for their judgment. Mr. Gates wanted the whole matter referred to the Committees on Light and Finance, but this proposition got only the vote of the patron. The resolution offered by Mr. Pollard was almost unanimously adopted, only Mr. Morton voting in the negative.

Session in Detail.

It was exactly 8:20 o'clock when President Peters called the Council to order, and there was a pretty full attendance of members. The first business laid before the body was the following communication from His Honor, the Mayor. To the Honorable, the Council of the City of Richmond:

Gentlemen,—It affords me great pleasure to forward to you the enclosed letter received to-day from our esteemed fellow-citizen, John P. Branch, Esq. The proposition which he makes, it seems to me should be instantly and gratefully accepted. This generous and thoughtful action on his part, seconded by prompt and generous response on the part of the Council, will I trust inaugurate a new era in our municipal life, and, in addition to the direct benefits which it will confer on our people, will also stimulate the benevolent disposition of others, and result in further contributions for the establishment of institutions for the public good.

Our cities in America, and in Great Britain, and on the Continent, have recognized the importance and great value of bath-houses and have appropriated large sums of money for their erection, equipment and maintenance. In some cities as much as eight hundred thousand dollars have been expended for this purpose. Our neighbor, the city of Baltimore, already maintains two handsome establishments.

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BATTLE OF GIANTS IN SUPREME COURT

Highest Tribunal Will Hear Land Assessment Cases To-day on Their Merits.

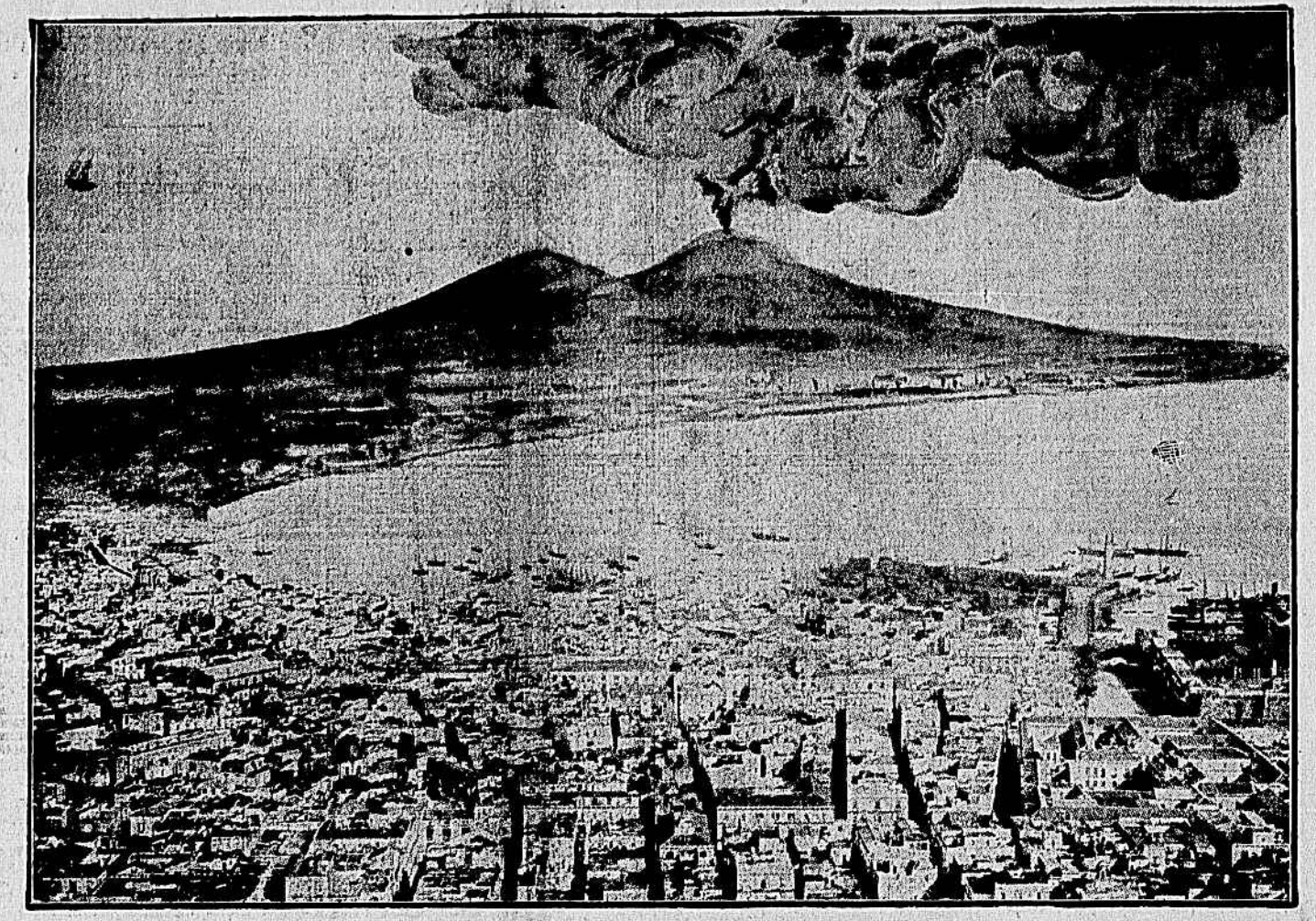
The famous land assessment cases already threshed out in the lower courts will come before a special term of the Supreme Court to-day, and it is likely that the argument will consume several days. Eminent attorneys will appear on both sides, and they will submit their contentions orally to the court.

City Attorney Henry B. Pollard will appear for the city, and Attorney-General W. Anderson for the State, while the assessment will be represented by Messrs. Cannon and Gordon, representing the Whitlock estate and Messrs. O'Flaherty and Fulton that of the late Franklin Stearns.

There are three cases, and through them, the appellants are seeking to attack the laws governing land assessments in every possible manner. One mode of procedure is by mandamus, in which the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction. The others are appeals from the Law and Equity and Hustings Court, respectively, and come up in different forms.

The appellants in the cases will have the opening and closing.

VIEW SHOWING NAPLES, VESUVIUS AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY DEVASTATED BY TERRIBLE VOLCANO



SMUGGLED GOODS FROM BATTLESHIP

Dutiable Merchandise Valued at \$750,000 Said to Have Come From the Oregon.

AN INVESTIGATION ORDERED

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The Evening Post publishes a story to-day to the effect that a strong belief exists that dutiable goods valued at about \$750,000 were smuggled ashore in launches from the battleship Oregon just before she departed for the Bremerton navy yard. It is said that an order has been issued instructing the inspectors at Bremerton to delay every man of the battleship until the whole matter has been sifted to the bottom, and the customs authorities throughout the country have been notified to find and examine the questionable packages if possible.

The battleship was scheduled to get away for Bremerton on Saturday morning, but was delayed on account of not having received sailing orders.

Goods Hurried Ashore.

"At noon, however," says the Post, "a telegram was received from the Navy Department stating that officers and men of the Oregon were to be ready for inspection by the customs officers when the Oregon reaches Bremerton. The notice was posted in the mess-room and the news flashed over the ship like lightning. It was then, according to those who watched the whole scene, that the goods were hurried ashore."

The Post then says the records of the Vols-Parko Company show that they gave receipts on 2,880 packages taken from the Oregon. The Santa Fe Railway gave shipping bills for 1,600 trunks and cases, many of which weighed several hundred pounds.

Acting Inspector of Customs Hamilton, when asked regarding the matter, said that the statement regarding the alleged smuggling had been conveyed to the customs officials who had at once proceeded to verify the report sending out the orders referred to and making an investigation here, but as yet nothing has been established.

GREAT COAL PIER AT NEWPORT NEWS

C. & O. to Begin Construction As Soon As Plans Are Drawn.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND

President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, made the announcement on yesterday that his company had determined to construct a great coal pier at Newport News, which would pier, when completed, in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The plans for the new Chesapeake and Ohio coal pier will be ready within ten days, and work will be begun as soon as the lumber can be freighted to Newport News.

President Stevens stated that he had experienced great difficulty in securing lumber, and that on this account the work had been retarded.

The contract was on yesterday awarded to Mr. Ernest Williams, of Lynnhurst, who, it is said, may become a partner of President J. M. Barr, of the Seaboard Air Line, when he retires from railroad work on May 1st.

Mr. Williams owns large tracts of timber land along the lines of the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line, and will furnish from his forests the great pine piles which will serve as a foundation for the coal bins.

The construction of this expensive coal pier at Newport News is an answer to the repeated rumors that have said that the Pennsylvania Railroad had forced the Chesapeake and Ohio to divert its freight to Philadelphia and Baltimore, instead of using the great deep water harbor on Chesapeake Bay.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair; warmer; fresh to brisk west winds. North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh to brisk southwest to northwest winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was cool and rainy. Range of the thermometer: 9 A. M., 45; 6 P. M., 63; 12 M., 50; 9 P. M., 59; 12 M., 58; 12 midnight, 52 (Average, 55 1-2).

Highest temperature yesterday, 61. Lowest temperature yesterday, 48. Mean temperature yesterday, 51.5. Normal temperature for April, 54. Departure from normal temperature, 0.5.

Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M., 50; 6 P. M., 60; 12 M., 55; 9 P. M., 59; 12 M., 53; 12 midnight, 50.

Conditions in Important Cities.

(At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place	Ther.	High	Low	Weather
Albany, N. Y.	60	70	48	Clear
Albany, Ga.	68	71	48	Clear
Albany, N. Y.	62	70	48	Clear
Chicago, Ill.	50	58	38	Clear
Cincinnati, O.	68	71	48	Clear
Davenport, Ia.	50	58	38	Clear
Des Moines, Ia.	50	58	38	Clear
Hartford, Conn.	62	68	48	Clear
Kansas City, Mo.	50	58	38	Clear
Mobile, Ala.	72	78	62	Clear
Norfolk, Va.	62	68	48	Clear
Oklahoma City, Okla.	50	58	38	Clear
Pittsburg, Pa.	50	58	38	Clear
Raleigh, N. C.	62	68	48	Clear
Savannah, Ga.	68	71	48	Clear
Tampa, Fla.	72	78	62	Clear
Vicksburg, Miss.	72	78	62	Clear
Washington, D. C.	50	58	38	Cloudy
Yellow Stone	48	52	32	Clear

WITTE RESIGNS, BUT CZAR STILL WAVERS

Overwhelming Victory of Liberals Brings Struggle in Russia to Critical Point.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.—The steadily swelling tide of Liberal successes and the overwhelming victory of the Constitutional Democrats in the election at Moscow have brought the struggle between reaction and reform to a head. Premier Witte late last night, according to information which has reached the Associated Press, again tendered his resignation to the Emperor with a clear-cut intimation that the latter must choose and at once, between him and Minister of the Interior Durnovo.

The Emperor, according to report, took the resignation under consideration and returned no answer.

The latest dispatches bring little comfort to the Conservatives. Reports continue to be favorable to the Constitutional Democrats.

A summary of the official returns shows that fifty Constitutional Democrats, twenty-six Progressives and thirteen unclassified members of the lower House have been elected.

OFFER NEW PLAN TO MINERS TO-DAY

Coal Operators Will Decline to Accept Proposal of President Mitchell.

FAVOR DIFFERENT METHOD

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 9.—At the joint conference of the sub-committees of the anthracite coal mine owners and their employees to be held here to-morrow, the operators will decline to accept the arbitration plan as presented last week by the mine workers, and will in its stead present a counter proposition, which, if agreed to by President Mitchell and his men, will bind each side for more than two years. The operators have been working on the new plan ever since the adjournment of the joint conference of last Thursday, and the inability of the president of the hard coal carrying railroad to complete minor details caused a postponement of twenty-four hours of the conference scheduled for to-day.

It is said that the offer to be made involves an arbitration plan very different from the one presented by the miners, one that will call for the settlement of only new grievances, that after an impartial investigation has been made, may be found to exist. The operators still maintain the position that the miners in their demands have not called attention to anything that has not already been passed upon by the anthracite coal strike commission.

President Mitchell announced this evening that the last of the bituminous coal operators in the Pittsburgh district who had held out against the 1903 wage agreement signed the scale to-day.

This action, he said, clears up the western Pennsylvania territory and means that 40,000 men in that territory, who produce from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons of soft coal a year, will receive an increase of 5.55 per cent. in wages.

Return to Work.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 9.—Practically all the miners affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America in the bituminous field returned to work to-day. In the Pittsburgh district all the mines are in operation.

Plunges Into River.

(By Associated Press.)
BRISTOL, TENN., April 9.—Mrs. H. H. Snyder, wife of a well-known business man of Joliet, Ill., this State, left her bed shortly after midnight this morning and drowned herself in the Doe river. Her husband awoke and finding her missing gave the alarm, and the body was recovered from the river shortly afterward. She was seventy years of age.

HONOR GRAVES OF SOUTHERN DEAD

Commander in Chief of G. A. R. Calls Upon Federal Veterans.

SACRED PRIVILEGE, HE SAYS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Commander-in-Chief Tanner, of the Grand Army of the Republic, to-day issued his annual address to all G. A. R. posts regarding the exercises to be conducted on May 30th, Memorial Day, to commemorate the memory of the Federal soldier dead. In general orders No. 71, this subject, he says:

"Thirty years ago, when I was department commander of New York, in a Memorial Day order I then issued, I suggested to the comrades of New York that wherever, from Monmouth Point to Buffalo, any Confederate soldier had found sepulchre among us, I trusted that when we went out to the laurel, the graves of our Union dead, that our common American manhood would prevent us passing by the graves of our former opponents without dropping thereon some noble remembrance."

"Not," I said, "in honor of their cause, for that we opposed, fought and conquered; but because we who met them on the field of battle knew that braver men or better soldiers have not been known since men were first marshaled in battle array."

"We were then scarce a dozen yards away from Appomattox, but the suggestion seemed to meet with very general approval. To the order at large, I now confidently make the same suggestion."

"We have returned the battle standards of the dead Confederacy to those who treasure them as sacred mementoes of their loved ones who died under them. The Congress of the United States has just unanimously voted \$200,000 to care for the graves of those dead, and the heart of the nation has said with great unanimity: 'It is well.'"

Untied we march along the highway of nations, roscushes blossoming and around, and the birds nestling in the world applauding, our conscience approving."

"If mothers of the south still sit like Rachel of old, weeping for their children and refusing to be comforted because they are not, let the news go down to them that on our most sacred day, we feel it a privilege to stand in the place of their far-distant kinsmen and lovingly mark their last resting place with a monument."

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DAY OF TERROR AMONG PEOPLE; MANY ARE KILLED

Number of Dead Around Vesuvius Estimated at Several Hundred.

KING AND QUEEN IN DANGER AT NAPLES

Small Cyclone Struck Automobile Carrying Royal Party Along Road.

TOWNS BURIED; HOUSES FALL, INJURING MANY

Frightened Crowds Storm the Churches and Tear Doors Down—Eruption Less Violent But Ashes Still Falling in Quantities.

NAPLES, April 9.—Reports of fatalities consequent upon the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are coming in. According to information received late to-night, probably as many as five hundred lives were lost. It is said that more than two hundred perished in the district of San Giuseppe, while from the ruins of a church which collapsed, owing to the weight of ashes on the roof, forty-nine corpses were extricated, and it is asserted that at Sorrento thirty-seven persons were killed by falling houses.

Cavalry proceeding to the succor of the inhabitants of the devastated section have been unable to make progress, the rain falling on the ashes a foot deep, having made it impossible for the horses to travel.

The sea is greatly agitated. The sky has cleared, but heavy clouds hang over the east, threatening a further downpour.

The streams of lava are almost stationary. Troops are erecting barriers in the direction of Pompeii to prevent further danger in that quarter.

FALLING HOUSES KILL HUNDREDS; KING IN DANGER

Terrified People Flocking to Naples By Thousand—Crowds Storm Churches.

(By Associated Press.)
NAPLES, April 9.—This has been a day of terror for the cities, towns and country about Mount Vesuvius. Unconfirmed reports place the number of dead and injured at several hundred, but not many facts can be obtained upon which to base an accurate estimate. At midnight the situation appears more alarming, the lava streams having diminished in volume and in some directions having stopped altogether, while a copious rainfall is cooling the lava where it lies stationary.

Church Collapsed.

Almost equal with the devastation wrought by the lava is the damage done by clinders and ashes, which in incredible quantities have been carried great distances. This has caused the practical destruction of San Giuseppe, a place of 6,000 inhabitants. All but 200 of the people had fled from San Giuseppe and these 200 assembled in a church to attend mass.

While the priest was performing his sacred office the roof fell in, and about sixty persons were badly injured. These unfortunate were for hours without food or medical attendance. The only thing left standing in the church was a statue of Saint Anne, the preservation of which the poor, homeless people accepted as a miracle and promise of deliverance from their perils.

At Ottolano five churches and ten houses fell under the weight of ashes and clinders, which lay four feet deep on the ground. In the fall of the buildings about twelve persons were killed and many were injured. The village is completely deserted by its people. After the evacuation of the place the barracks and prisons fell in.

Terrible Devastation.

Reports from coast and inland towns depict terrible devastation. San Giorgio, Crenoma, Portici, Resina and Torre del Greco have been almost completely abandoned. The inhabitants of Torre Annunziata are prepared to leave at a moment's warning.

Although the eruption of the volcano is less violent than it was twenty-four hours ago, the ashes are still falling in great quantities.

Refugees from the threatened or destroyed villages are pouring into Naples by the thousand, arriving in every description of conveyance and on foot. The roads are crowded with processions of

Another Record.

The Times-Dispatch, Sunday, April 8th, published the largest paper ever printed in Virginia in a regular edition, and also the largest amount of paid advertising.

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